(ख) अमरीकी सरकार ने भारत की एकता और प्रादेशिक अखण्डता को अपना समर्थन देने की घोषणा की है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

African National Congress Guerilla Movement

1979. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of South Africa warned that the cross-border raids on South Africa's neighbours was just the first instalment in the campaign to crush the African National Congress Guerilla Movement; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the frequent threats issued by various South African Ministers and officials from time to time. The Government of India has always condemned these threats and acts of State terrorism let loose by the Pretoria regime.

Development of Bangalore as an International Tourist Centre

1980. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to put Bangalore on the international tourist map in a big way;

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(c) what amenities the Central Government propose to provide at Bangalore to attract the tourists visiting South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Bangalore is already prominently shown on the "Right place" Map of India produced by the Department of Tourism.

(c) Several projects have been sanctioned by the Central Government for the development of tourism in Karnataka including Bangalore. Specifically during the 7th Plan a provision of Rs. 1.23 akhs has been made for the purchase of boats and a windsuffer at Ulsoor Lake in Bangalore. The Yatri Avas Vikas Smiti have identified Bangalore for the construction of a Yatrika. India Tourism Development Corporation have a hotel (Hotel Ashok, Bangalore) and a Transport Unit in the city. The feasibility of setting up of convention facilities at Bangalore is being examined.

Customs duty on viscose staple fibre

1981. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that heavy import duty on viscose staple fibre has adversely affected the interest of thousands of small units of viscose fibre;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allow the import of viscose staple fibre duty-free, which will give relief to small units in the country and also provide employment to lakhs of people; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The present import duty of 60 per cent ad valorem plus Rs. 5 per kg. is considered necessary to protect the indigenous producers of viscose staple fibre and cotton-growers.

IDBI scheme for small and medium scale industries

1982. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDBI has formulated some pilot schemes for

assistance to small and medium scale industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Manpower export racketeers

†1982-A. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently launched a hunt for manpower export racketeers in the country who are duping innocent persons of lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, how many such racketeers have been unearthed in various part of the country so far, stating the number of arrests made and the amount of money involved in each case; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to curb the operation of manower racketeers who are exploiting the poor and innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years, 877 cases were unearthed and 973 persons were arrested. The amount involved is not available.

(c) Whenever complaints are received, these are referred to the Police Authorities. The State Governments have been asked to create Special Cells to deal with racketeering in man-power export.

†Previously unstarred Question 1550, transferred from the 7th August, 1986

Request by West Bengal Minister to Bangladesh President to telecast Football Matches

†1982-B. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a West Bengal Minister, Shri Jatin Chakravorti has written on his own to the Bangladesh President requesting him to telecast the World Cup Football Matches so that people in India could watch them.

(b) whether the Central Government have drawn the attention of the State Government and if so, what is the reaction of the State Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to issue guidelines to prevent State Government officials and Ministers from directly corresponding with foreign Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A news item to this effect was published on June 19, 1986 in the Times of India. There is however no confirmation of this report.

(c) There are already standing instructions, State Governments are expected not to correspond directly with foreign Governments—but through the Ministry of External Affairs.

‡Previously unstarred Question 2167, transferred from the 14th August, 1986